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25X1A 1. In reply to his request for information for guidance regarding [redacted] I have informed Cong. Hillings that we do not have much information regarding [redacted] and that the information we have is quite conflicting. I indicated my personal reaction would be one of considerable caution and Mr. Hillings indicated that he would proceed in the same vein. We have arranged to brief Mr. Hillings on 30 August at 1000 in the Director's Conference Room. [redacted]

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2. I talked with Assistant Secretary of State Thruston Morton to keep him advised that we were in touch with Hillings. Morton said that Assistant Secretary Holland and the Department generally was unhappy about Congressional visitation at this time, but that nevertheless there was nothing they could do to stop Hillings. [redacted]

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[redacted] Mr. Morton felt that Hillings was sound on security and need not worry on that point, but that basically all Hillings was interested in was to get some personal publicity from a political standpoint in view of the forthcoming elections.

25X1X 3. No further decisions have been reached on the timing aspects [redacted] Because of his newness in the job, Mr. Carpenter is very anxious to get some guidance from Mr. Sourwine, Counsel to Senator McCarran, and with Mr. Houston's approval I will sit down with Carpenter and Sourwine on the latter's return on 30 August.

25X1A 4. In connection with the application for employment of Miss [redacted] [redacted] informs me that they would not qualify [redacted] for JOT training or a covert position. In connection with possible general employment, they would find it necessary to refer the case to the Professional Selection Panel. Mr. Houston feels that the case should follow its normal course to the Selection Panel, and this will now be done.

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